
HOUSE BILL No. 1223

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-8.1-9-9.

Synopsis: Textbook reimbursement. Provides that a school corporation: (1) receives 100% textbook reimbursement if at least 50% of the students receive free or reduced lunches; and (2) receives prorated textbook reimbursement if less than 50% of the students receive free or reduced lunches.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education finance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-8.1-9-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 9. (a) If a determination
3 is made that the applicant is eligible for assistance, the school
4 corporation shall pay the cost of the student's required fees.

5 (b) A school corporation may receive a reimbursement **in an**
6 **amount determined under subsection (f)** from the department for
7 some or all of the costs incurred by a school corporation during a
8 school year in providing textbook assistance to children who are
9 eligible under section 2 of this chapter.

10 (c) In order to be guaranteed some level of reimbursement from the
11 department, the governing body of a school corporation shall request
12 the reimbursement before November 1 of a school year.

13 (d) In its request, the governing body shall certify to the department:

14 (1) the number of students who are enrolled in that school
15 corporation and who are eligible for assistance under this chapter;

16 (2) the costs incurred by the school corporation in providing:

17 (A) textbooks (including textbooks used in special education



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and gifted and talented classes) to these students;

(B) workbooks and consumable textbooks (including workbooks and consumable textbooks, and other consumable instructional materials that are used in special education and gifted and talented classes) that are used by students for no more than one (1) school year; and

(C) instead of the purchase of textbooks, developmentally appropriate material for instruction in kindergarten through the grade 3 level, laboratories, and children's literature programs;

(3) that each textbook described in subdivision (2)(A) and included in the reimbursement request (except those textbooks used in special education classes and gifted and talented classes) has been adopted by the state board of education under IC 20-10.1-9-1 or has been waived by the state board of education under IC 20-10.1-9-27;

(4) that the amount of reimbursement requested for each textbook under subdivision (3) does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the costs incurred for the textbook, as provided in the textbook adoption list in each year of the adoption cycle;

(5) that the amount of reimbursement requested for each workbook or consumable textbook (or other consumable instructional material used in special education and gifted and talented classes) under subdivision (2)(B), if applicable, does not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the costs incurred for the workbook or consumable textbook (or other consumable instructional material used in special education and gifted and talented classes);

(6) that the amount of reimbursement requested for each textbook used in special education and gifted and talented classes is amortized for the number of years in which the textbook is used;

(7) that the amount of reimbursement requested for developmentally appropriate material is amortized for the number of years in which the material is used and does not exceed a total of one hundred percent (100%) of the costs incurred for the developmentally appropriate material; and

(8) any other information required by the department, including copies of purchase orders used to acquire consumable instructional materials used in special education and gifted and talented classes and developmentally appropriate material.

(e) Each school within a school corporation shall maintain complete and accurate information concerning the number of students determined to be eligible for assistance under this chapter. This

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information shall be provided to the department upon request.

(f) If the amount of reimbursement requested before November 1 of a particular year exceeds the amount of money appropriated to the department for this purpose, the department shall ~~proportionately reduce the amount of reimbursement to~~ **reimburse** each school corporation **as follows:**

(1) This subdivision applies to a school corporation in which at least fifty percent (50%) of the students were eligible during the previous school year for assistance under section 2 of this chapter. The department shall reimburse the school corporation in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the costs incurred by the school corporation during the current school year in providing textbook assistance to eligible children.

(2) This subdivision applies to a school corporation that is not described in subdivision (1). The department shall reimburse the school corporation in the amount determined under STEP SIX of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the total amount of money appropriated to the department for textbook reimbursement.

STEP TWO: Determine the sum of the amounts reimbursed under subdivision (1).

STEP THREE: Subtract the STEP TWO amount from the STEP ONE amount.

STEP FOUR: Determine the sum of the amounts of reimbursement requested by all school corporations that are not described in subdivision (1).

STEP FIVE: Divide the amount of reimbursement requested by the school corporation under this section by the STEP FOUR amount.

STEP SIX: Multiply the STEP THREE amount by the STEP FIVE amount.

(g) A school corporation **described in subsection (f)(2)** may submit a supplemental reimbursement request under section 9.1 of this chapter. The school corporation is entitled to receive a supplemental reimbursement only if there are funds available. The department shall proportionately reduce the amount of supplemental reimbursement to each school corporation if the total amount requested exceeds the amount of money available to the department for this purpose. In the case of this supplemental reimbursement, the provisions in this section apply, except that section 9.1 of this chapter applies to the making of

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1 the supplemental request by the governing body of the school
2 corporation.

3 (h) Parents receiving other governmental assistance or aid which
4 considers educational needs in computing the entire amount of
5 assistance granted may not be denied assistance if the applicant's total
6 family income does not exceed the standards established by this
7 chapter.

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